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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: JOINT AFGHAN-US STATEMENT FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT

REF: A) KABUL 6300 B) STATE 220245

1. GOA DESIRES THAT ONLY PUBLIC UTTERANCE TO BE ISSUED FROM SECRETARY'S NOVEMBER 1 VISIT BE JOINT STATEMENT, NOT RPT NOT COMMUNIQUE. DIRECTOR GENERAL MFA AGREES EMBASSY SHOULD SUBMIT DRAFT AND WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE IT BY OCTOBER 16.

2. WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE REGARDING BI-LATERAL RELATIONS AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS: (NOTE: WE SUGGEST DEPT. WORK OVER THIS LANGUAGE AND ADD SECTIONS ON GLOBAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS DETENTE, ARAB-ISRAEL, FOOD AND ENERGY. AS INDICATED REF B, WE WILL AWAIT DEPT'S DRAFT FOR SUBMISSION TO GOA.)

3. BI-LATERAL RELATIONS. "PRESIDENT DAOUD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE CLOSE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS ENJOYED BY THEIR TWO COUNTRIES AND AT THE CLOSE IDENTITY OF THEIR VIEWS ON MANY INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. SECRETARY KISSINGER EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE INVITATIONS TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN AND HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE PROGRESS BEING MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN AND FOR THEIR ATTACHMENT TO INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE. SECRETARY KISSINGER ALSO GAVE TO PRESIDENT DAOUD WARM PERSONAL GOOD WISHES
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FROM PRESIDENT FORD.

"THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY ASSERTED THEIR CONTINUING BELIEF THAT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ARE VITAL KEYS TO INTERNATIONAL STABILITY AND PEACE. THE SECRETARY STATED THE CONTINUING DESIRE OF THE UNITED STATES TO COOPERATE WITH AFGHANISTAN IN ACHIEVING ITS DEVELOPMENTAL GOALS, AND THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT SUCH EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES AS THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, THE PEACE CORPS AND THE CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS".

4. FURTHER SPECIFIC PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON U.S. ASSISTANCE TO BILATERAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IS CONTAINED IN KABUL 6416
FAILURE TO INCLUDE SOME SUCH STATEMENT WILL RESULT IN CONSIDERABLE AFGHAN DISAPPOINTMENT, NOT TO MENTION AMOST LIMP COMMUNIQUE.

5. REGIONAL AFFAIRS. "PRESIDENT DAOUD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER DISCUSSED EVENTS IN THE REGION. THE SECRETARY INFORMED RRESIDENT DAOUD OF HIS DISCUSSIONS IN INDIA, BANGLADESH AND PAKISTAN AND STATED HIS CONFIDENCE IN EFFORTS THAT ARE IN PROGRESS TO FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO REGIONAL PROBLEMS. THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY AGREED THAT THE BEST WAY TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS BETWEEN COUNTRIES OF THE REGION IS ON THE BASIC OF PEACEFUL DISCUSSION AMONG THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED."

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